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ADDENDUM I

To

Mars Critical Data Products Initiative IV (CDP IV)

Request For Proposal

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Note: This Addendum is being emailed to all those individuals currently included in the MEPAG mailing list. However, from this point forward, all future Addendums to this RFP will not be emailed, but will instead be posted on the MEPAG web site:

http://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/Mars_Community/index.html

The cut off date for submission of questions with respect to this RFP is 19 June 2007.

THE BELOW QUESTIONS (**Q**) WERE POSED BY POTENTIAL RESPONDENTS TO THIS RFP. ANSWERS (**A**) ARE CITED IN BLUE TEXT.

Q: Appendix B, on Page 11 of RFP, states the requirement of providing separate proposals for each of the listed 10 Tasks (Page 13). This suggests that each proposal for each individual task is expected to be funded in the range of \$75,000 per year for up to 2-3 years. Is this correct?

A: We expect to fund several proposals in the range of about \$25,000 to about \$100,000 per year.

Q: How many proposals will be funded? Will all 10 Tasks be funded through 10 individual proposals?

A: We expect to fund several proposals in the range of about \$25,000 to about \$100,000 per year.

Q: Can the same team submit multiple proposals and win any combination of them depending solely on the merit of the proposals?

A: Yes. The same team can submit multiple proposals, or one proposal, for the tasks they wish to address. However, only one proposal per task is permitted per the RFP.

Q: Is it necessary for a team to submit 10 proposals for all the 10 tasks to be qualified for a subcontract? Does a team submitting 10 proposals for all the 10 different tasks have a better chance of winning compared to a team submitting, say 3 proposals for 3 different tasks?

A: The same team can submit multiple proposals, or one proposal, for the tasks they wish to address. However, only one proposal per task is permitted per the RFP.

Submitting multiple proposals or a single proposal will not improve or diminish the chances of being selected, as each winning proposal will be accepted on its merit.

Q: Are Foreign/Non-US Organizations eligible to receive funding directly from this program? My colleagues and I have been discussing a potentially very effective way to address some of the tasks

listed on pages 13-14 of the RFP, but it would require active participation by researchers outside the US. Without their involvement, our proposal would not be viable.

A: Yes, Foreign/Non-US Organizations are eligible to receive funding from this program. Funding of winning proposals will come directly from JPL or via a different US Government entity.

Q: The proposal guidelines are heavily geared toward MSL. Would a proposal that would increase the science return of the Phoenix mission be desired as well, or should the focus clearly be on MSL?

A: Only those proposals addressing the desired tasks and data products will be considered.

Q: In order to improve science return, one idea of mine would be to ... [idea omitted] However, the listing in Table 12 of the solicitation is very narrow and does not include the above items. Does this mean that they are not desired?

A: Only those proposals addressing the desired tasks and data products will be considered.

Q: I am requesting an evaluation of the relevance to the RFP of two tasks that may be closely related to ... [idea omitted].

A: Only those proposals addressing the desired tasks and data products will be considered.

Q: Must letters of intent to propose be mailed to JPL, or is an email sufficient?

A: A single email saying you intend to propose is sufficient.